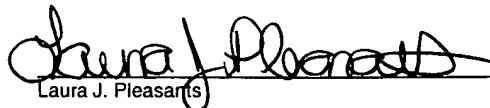




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For: WRIST IMPLANT APPARATUS AND METHOD

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated June 21, 2006, having a 1-month term for response, with a one-month extension, by August 21, 2006. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Election and Remarks.

RESTRICTION PRESENTED

The claims have been restricted into the following groups of inventions:

<u>Groups</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
I	1-34	drawn to a prosthetic wrist, classified in class 623, subclass 21.12;
II	35-42	drawn to surgical method, classified in class 128, subclass 898.

Also, the Examiner has indicated that the claims are directed to the species of Figures 2A-2G and of Figures 24-30.

APPLICANT'S ELECTION

Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I, claims 1 through 34, drawn to a prosthetic wrist, classified in class 623, subclass 21.12, for prosecution at this time. Applicant also, hereby elects the embodiment shown for example in Figures 2A-2G. Claims 1-30, 33 and 34 are believed to be applicable to the embodiment shown for example in Figures 2A-2G.

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 as filed have been subjected to a Restriction/Election Requirement.

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement, applicant has elected the claims of Group I, claims 1-34, for prosecution at this time. Applicant also hereby has elected the embodiment of Figures 2A-2G, which is claims 1-30, 33 and 34.

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Applicant hereby reserves the right to file one or more divisional patent applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any minor issues outstanding in this matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney. Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

FEE DUE

A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed for the fee due. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies of payment associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account No. 50-0426 to avoid the unintentional abandonment of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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